

## MINUTES

### STATE ADVISORY COUNCIL ON LIBRARIES

OCTOBER 25, 2002

The State Advisory Council on Libraries convened in a regularly scheduled meeting at the Kentucky Department for Libraries and Archives, on October 25, 2002 with Dr. Stu Tobin presiding.

Present were:

#### Council

Dr. Stu Tobin, Chair  
Pat Patton, Co-Chair  
Mary Helen Adams  
Gordon Brown  
Sue Burch, KLA Representative  
Marie Gamble  
William Hansen  
Ouida Herring  
David Holt  
Carolyn Ingram  
Virginia Snell  
Jackie White

#### KDLA

Jim Nelson  
Richard Belding  
Charlene Davis  
Lori Harlan  
Diane Poole  
Kelly Reed

### WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Stu Tobin welcomed everyone to the meeting and since we had several new members to the Council, introductions were made.

### APPROVAL OF JULY 19, 2002 MEETING MINUTES

No changes were made to the July 19, 2002 meeting minutes of the State Advisory Council on Libraries; minutes were approved as distributed.

### KLA REPORT

The Kentucky Library Association Conference was held October 16-19, 2002, in Louisville, where Ms. Sue Burch was elected the new KLA President. Ms. Burch is the director at the University of Kentucky Law Library and we are glad to have her serve as the KLA ex-officio on the Council.

Ms. Burch distributed a KLA report to Council members, which included the following updates:

- The KLA Annual Conference was very successful, with over 700 people in attendance. Some of the guest speakers featured were President of the American Library Association, Mr. Mitch Freedman and Claudeete Tennant, Internet Policy specialist, from the ALA Washington Office.
- New KLA officers were elected for 2002-2003: Linda Kompanik from Logan County Public Library is Secretary and Carol Nutter from Morehead State University is President-Elect and will serve as the 2003 Conference Planning Chair. Next year's conference theme is *Libraries: In Defense of Freedom* and will be held October 8-11, 2003 in Louisville.

- National Library Legislative Day will be May 12-13, 2002 in Washington, D.C. KLA Sections will be encouraged to send representatives to meet with Kentucky's congressional delegation.

Ms. Burch also distributed the Kentucky Library Association planning calendar for 2002-2003.

### **“KDLA @ YOUR LIBRARY” WEBSITE/PROGRAM – DEMO**

Kelly Reed presented a demo to the Council of the “@yourlibrary” web magazine, which can now be accessed from the KDLA homepage. Kelly explained that this project is part of a continuing public awareness initiative aimed at being a resource for public library staff and trustees. The content in the web magazine is based on information gathered in the series of statewide forums that were conducted last year across the state.

Over the next year, each “issue” of this website will focus on one of our public libraries’ basic values (as were determined in the forums): democracy, life-long learning, neighborliness, technology, and pride. The website also contains the comments that were taken from the forums that were held last year, along with personal reflections, values, a case for support document, and other related links.

The “KDLA@yourlibrary” site will be promoted through “push technology” by periodic announcements to library list serves (library directors list serve, children and young adults list serve, bookmobile personnel list serve, KLA list serve, etc.), and through the Public Library Newsletter, as well as other notices and announcements. The idea is to keep reminding library staff and trustees that it's there for them to peruse, particularly any time changes or additions are made to the site.

This site is largely supported by the Institute of Museum and Library Services, under the provisions of the Library Services and Technology Act. You can access the site at: <http://www.kdla.ky.gov/@yourlibrary/main.htm> or it can be accessed from the KDLA home page: <http://www.kdla.ky.gov>.

If you have comments or feedback regarding the “@yourlibrary” web magazine, please contact [judith.gibbons@kdla.net](mailto:judith.gibbons@kdla.net) or [kelly.reed@kdla.net](mailto:kelly.reed@kdla.net).

### **LSTA CURRENT STATUS**

Diane Poole distributed copies of our LSTA Five Year Plan for 2003-2007, which has been submitted to Washington. The funding for the LSTA reauthorization has not been called for a vote by Congress at this time, due to homeland security and other issues. There is currently a Continuing Resolution through November 22, and the speculation is that Congress will pass another Continuing Resolution then to carry us into December. What happens then is still unclear--whether Congress will try to pass an Omnibus Bill...or simply pass another Continuing Resolution that carries them through January. Hopefully, it is just a matter of time until the bill is called into the house for the reauthorization vote.

### **REVIEW KRS 171.303 LIBRARY SCIENCE SCHOLARSHIP LANGUAGE**

Jim Nelson distributed a proposed revised edition of the scholarship language to the Council for their review. Jim explained that he would like to include language that would try to bring more diversity into the library science profession as part of the scholarship language. The Council discussed what a broad scope that “diversity” covers and more specific details would need to be included to define that scope in this particular context of the language. The Council made a motion to delete the last two sentences from item #3, and will express the desire of wanting to recruit more minorities into the field to the scholarship committee who will be developing the criteria for scholarship eligibility. Bill Hansen made the motion to delete the last two sentences from item #3 and then submit for proposed legislation revision; Mary Helen Adams seconded the motion. Motion passed.

## **UPDATE ON STATE LIBRARY DEVELOPMENT FUND**

At the last State Advisory Council Meeting, there was discussion about the possibility of KDLA forming a non-profit development fund to assist KDLA in its library support programs. Stu explained that other state agencies such as KET, the Arts Foundation, the Historical Society, and state universities hold public fund raisers to help fund state programs with private contributions.

The Council had requested that KDLA do some research to see how other state libraries and state agencies in Kentucky have established private funding accounts, and how those are structured within their organization.

Jim Nelson did some research and reported that the response was very mixed and those libraries or agencies who do have development functions, typically were designated for specific purposes such as: talking book library, historic collections, buildings, etc. and are operated under a 501 ( c ) ( 3 ) type of structure.

The state library agencies that do not have development funds believe that they would be in competition with local libraries that were doing the same thing; and felt that if they raised private funds, they would lose their General Fund dollars.

The Kentucky Historical Society has operated under their structure since '92, and used most of their money raised for the new History Center. The Historical Society proposed a "Cash for Culture" approach some time ago – which gets state funding to be matched against by local institutions. The Arts Council has not activated its structure (formed in '98), but works with local Arts groups in its governance structure.

The Council discussed and asked several questions about the establishment of such an account at KDLA such as:

Is it worth the effort it would take for the amount of return we may receive?

Where does the money come from to help get this project started?

Who has the resources and time to work on this type of a project?

Comments were made that unless a specific project was identified it would be hard to seek private funding. A suggestion was made that seeking funding from national endowments or private companies may be more beneficial than seeking individual fund raising. It is very hard to get individual assistance without some type of emotional involvement for a cause.

The Council also discussed how the "Friends of the Archives" operates as a totally separate non-profit organization; however, KDLA does receive assistance from the Friends of the Archives in several of their program efforts.

The Council discussed forming a small committee to investigate some of the options that may be available for establishing such an account, looking at different ways accounts can be structured, and make a recommendation back to the Council to see if those efforts would be worth pursuing or not. Chairman Tobin agreed to form a small committee to further explore this concept.

This topic will be carried forward to the January meeting as an agenda item.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- The 21<sup>st</sup> Annual Kentucky Book Fair will be held in Frankfort on Saturday, November 2<sup>nd</sup> at the Farnham Dudgeon Civic Center from 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Visit the Book Fair and receive a 10 percent discount off the retail price of the book, plus get your books signed by the authors. The profits earned from the Book Fair are donated to mostly school and public libraries in Kentucky, which have few resources to expand collections, replace old books or fund literacy-related causes.
- The Kentucky Virtual Library launched the “KYVL for Kids” portal, in conjunction with the Council on Postsecondary Education and fourth graders at Hearn Elementary School, on Friday, October 25, 10 a.m. EST, at Hearn Elementary School in Frankfort. Participants included Governor Paul Patton and Norma Adams, chair of the Council on Postsecondary Education. Please visit the site at: [http://www.kyvl.org/html/kids/f\\_portal.html](http://www.kyvl.org/html/kids/f_portal.html).

#### **NEXT MEETING DATE**

The next meeting date has been set for Friday, January 24, 2003 at 1:30 p.m. in the KDLA Board Room. An alternate weather date has been set for Friday, January 31, 2003 at 1:30 p.m. in the KDLA Board Room, just in case the meeting on Jan. 24 has to be canceled due to weather conditions.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**